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SUBJ: REQUEST BY NASSAU COUNTY, N.Y. DISTRICT ATTORNEY
FOR OAU LEADER TO TESTIFY AT TRIAL

1. DENIS DILLON, DISTRICT ATTORNEY FOR NASSAU COUNTY, HAS REQUESTED DIPLOMATIC ASSISTANCE IN CONNECTION WITH HIS DESIRE THAT COL HASHIM I, MBITA OF OAU LIBERATION OFFICE IN DAR ES SALAAM APPEAR IN MINEOLA, NEW YORK, AS AN ESSENTIAL WITNESS IN KIDNAPPING CASE AGAINST RICHARD WARREN WILLIAMS. TEXT OF FORMAL REQUEST IS AS FOLLOWS:

QUOTE: JANUARY 13, 1978

MR. SOLOMAN KUTTNER
UNITED STATES MISSION TO THE UNITED NATIONS
799 U.N. PLAZA
NEW YORK, N.Y. 10017

DEAR MR. KUTTNER:

I HAVE RECENTLY BEEN INFORMED BY EDWARD W.MCCARTY III, ONE OF MY ASSISTANT DISTRICT ATTORNEYS, THAT COL, HASHIM I. MBITA OF THE ORGANIZATION OF AFRICAN UNITY IS AN ESSENTIAL
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WITNESS IN A KIDNAPPING CASE AGAINST RICHARD WARREN WILLIAMS.

I WOULD, THEREFORE, REQUEST THAT THE DEPARTMENT OF STATE UNDERTAKE EVERY AVAILABLE DIPLOMATIC COURSE TO OBTAIN HIS PRESENCE AT MR. WILLIAMS' TRIAL. AS AN AID TO INDUCE COL. MBITA TO RETURN TO THE UNITED STATES, I AGREE TO MEET ALL OF HIS TRANSPORTATION AND LODGING COSTS. IN ADDITION,

COL. MBITA WILL BE GRANTED FULL IMMUNITY FROM PROSECUTION
IN MY COUNTY IN REGARD TO THIS CASE.

WITH THE HOPE THAT EVERY AVAILABLE DIPLOMATIC MEANS
MAY BE USED TO OBTAIN COL. MBITA'S PRESENCE IN NASSAU
COUNTY, I REMAIN

VERY TRULY YOURS,

DENIS DILLON

DISTRICT ATTORNEY

UNQUOTE.

2. IT IS OUR UNDERSTANDING THAT CRIME OCCURRED IN 1974 IN
KINGS POINT, LONG ISLAND. AN INDIVIDUAL NAMED JACK TICE WAS
KIDNAPPED. ALLEGED KIDNAPPER, RICHARD WARREN WILLIAMS, WAS
ARRESTED BY FBI IN BARSTOW, CALIFORNIA. LETTER WAS FOUND IN
HIS POSSESSION WITH RECEIPTS FROM OAU FOR \$10,000, PAID IN
\$100 BILLS, WHICH WAS PART OF RANSOM PAID FOR RELEASE OF JACK
TICE.

3. DILLON ADVISES THAT NASSAU COUNTY WILL PAY ALL OF
COL MBITA'S TRANSPORTATION AND LODGING COSTS. IN ADDITION,
HE WILL BE GRANTED FULL IMMUNITY FROM PROSECUTION IN
NASSAU COUNTRY WITH REGARD TO CASE.

4. WE WOULD APPRECIATE DEPT'S TAKING WHATEVER ACTION
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IS DEEMED APPROPRIATE.
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